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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY MEETING, JULY 6, 1977 (SALT TWO -1623)

1. AT JULY 6 PLENARY, I REAFFIRMED IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO DATA BASE PROPOSAL. AS PART OF STATEMENT, I FORMALLY TABLED FORMAT (ALREADY PROPOSED IN DRAFTING GROUP) FOR AGREED DATA BASE WHICH INCLUDED LIST OF CATEGORIES. SEMENOV COMMENTED THAT US STATEMENT WILL BE STUDIED AND PROPOSAL TRANSMITTED TO MOSCOW.

2. IN SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON PARA II.3 (HEAVY BOMBER DEFINITION), HE CLARIFIED "CHARACTERISTICS" AS TERM WOULD APPLY TO FUTURE HEAVY BOMBERS INDICATING THAT IT MEANT COMBAT RADIUS WITHOUT REFUELING AND WITH MAXIMUM BOMB OR ASM LOAD FOR ONE OPERATION MISSION. HE REPEATED SOVIET PROPOSALS TO UNDERTAKE OBLIGATION NOT TO CONVERT TANKERS, RECCE, OR ASW TO HEAVY BOMBERS; SOVIET STATEMENT OF INTENT NOT TO CONVERT SUCH AIRCRAFT TO HEAVY BOMBERS AND EXPECTATION OF SIMILAR US STATEMENT; AND PROPOSAL FOR EQUAL LIMITS ON SUCH AIRCRAFT. HE DID NOT INTRODUCE ANYTHING NEW BUT CRITICIZED US UNWILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD A COMMON TEXT FOR ARTICLE II.3.

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3. IN BILATERAL, SEMENOV COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS IN GENEVA AND ALLUDED TO FACT THAT HIS "MONTHLY REPORT" ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS SINCE JUNE 10 WILL BE BLANK. HOWEVER, HE HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. I GAVE HIM LIST OF SENATORS, NAMED ADVISORS TO SALT DEL. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT SENATOR MATHIAS EXPECTS TO BE IN GENEVA THE WEEK OF JULY 18 AND SUGGESTED VISIT BE HANDLED LIKE SENATOR PELL VISIT. SEMENOV AGREED.

4. NEXT PLENARY SESSION FRIDAY, JULY 8.EARLE

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